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Trinidad-Tobago: The government seems more confident of its position.

Negotiations between government and rebel spokesmen are continuing. In a private conversation yesterday with the US Ambassador, Prime Minister Williams said the rebels are demanding the release of all detainees and a general amnesty for the mutineers. They were rumored to be pressing political demands as well, including requests for the resignation of certain government ministers. Williams indicated that although he is disposed to continue negotiations, neither he nor any of his cabinet is willing to meet the rebels' initial demands.

The prime minister apparently intends to play for more time, as he has throughout the crisis, in order to put his forces in the strongest possible position if the rebels are not willing to surrender on the government's terms. Williams estimates that the rebels are comprised of a hard core of about 40 to 50 dissidents.

Although the situation remains unsettled, police have been increasingly successful in maintaining order in the capital. A dusk-to-dawn curfew has been extended to the entire country. The government yesterday also arrested Geddes Granger, the last of the important black power radicals still at large and the leader of recent demonstrations.

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